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GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR

NOTIFICATIONS

The 6th November, 2014.

CORRIGENDUM

No.TR/517.—Reference this Office Memo No.TR/512, dated 4th October, 2014 **No Entry** of Truck from Mawlai Petrol Pump towards Mawlai Nongmali, Mawlai Datbaki till F.C.I. Junction, Mawlai Nongmali during the afternoon will be from 2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and not as indicated earlier from 2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

M. KHARKRANG,

Superintendent of Police,

East Khasi Hills, Shillong.

The 29th October, 2014.

No.POL.205/2012/Pt/20. – In exercise of the powers conferred by section 58 read with sub-sections (3) and (5) of section 4 of the Meghalaya Lokayukta Act, 2014 (Act No. 4 of 2014), the Government of Meghalaya hereby makes the following rules to provide for the terms and conditions relating to constitution of the Search Committee and the manner of drawing panel of names for consideration of the Selection Committee for appointment of Chairperson and Members of the Lokayukta, namely,-

- 1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) These rules may be called the Search Committee (Constitution, Terms and Conditions of Appointment of Members and the Manner of Selection of Panel of Names for Appointment of Chairperson and Members of Lokayukta) Rules, 2014.
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. Definitions.-** In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires, -
 - (a) “Act” means the Meghalaya Lokayukta Act, 2014 (Act No. 4 of 2014);
 - (b) “Member” means a Member of the Search Committee;
 - (c) “Search Committee” means the Search Committee constituted under sub-sections (3) and (5) of Section 4 of the Act;
 - (d) “Selection Committee” means the Selection Committee referred to in sub-section (3) of Section 4 of the Act.
- 3. Constitution of Search Committee.-** (1) The Selection Committee shall constitute the Search Committee consisting of five persons from the fields and the categories of persons specified in sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Act.

(2) The Selection Committee shall nominate one of the members as the chairperson of the Search Committee.

(3) An officer of the level of Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya or above from the Political Department shall function as the convenor of the Search Committee.
- 4. Term of the Search Committee.-** A member of the Search Committee, including its chairperson, shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment:

Provided that the Selection Committee may, where it is of the view that the continuance of a member of the Search Committee is not expedient in the public interest, after giving him an opportunity of being heard, remove such member before the expiry of his term.

5. **Resignation of members.-** A member may resign his office by a letter addressed to the chairperson of the Selection Committee.
6. **Absence of members out of India.-** If a member intends to be absent from India or Meghalaya for a continuous period exceeding three months, he shall tender his resignation.
7. **Meeting of Search Committee.-** (1) The Search Committee shall hold its meetings at Shillong or at such place in the State as may be decided by the chairperson of the Search Committee.

(2) The notice for meeting shall be issued in such manner so as to reach the chairperson and members at least three days in advance.

8. **Procedure at meetings.-** (1) The chairperson of the Search Committee shall preside over the meetings of the Search Committee:

Provided that if the chairperson is not present, the members of the Search Committee may elect a person from amongst the members present to preside over the meeting.

(2) In case of a difference of opinion amongst the members of the Search Committee, the matter shall be decided by the majority of the members present and voting.

(3) Each member of the Search Committee shall have one vote, and in case of equality of votes on any question to be decided by the Search Committee, the chairperson or the member presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote.

9. **Fees and travelling allowance for attendance at meetings.-** (1) A non-official chairperson or member of the Search Committee shall be entitled to a sitting fee of rupees two thousand five hundred and rupees two thousand respectively for each day, for attending the meetings of the Search Committee.

(2) A non-official chairperson or member of the Search Committee shall be entitled to Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowances as are admissible to a Grade I officer of the State for attending the meetings of the Search Committee.

10. Preparation of panel of names by the Search Committee.- (1) The Search Committee shall prepare a panel of persons to be considered by the Selection Committee for appointment as the Chairperson and Members of the Lokayukta, from amongst the list of persons obtained in the manner as provided for in sub-rule (2).

(2) The Search Committee shall for the purpose of sub-rule(1),-

- (i) circulate the vacancies to the Registrar General of High Court of Meghalaya, and Secretaries to Government of Meghalaya of various Departments calling for nomination of eligible candidates; and
- (ii) advertise the vacancies directly inviting applications from the eligible candidates.

(3) The Search Committee may, for the purpose of short-listing of persons, adopt such short-listing norms, which shall not be less than the criteria specified in sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) of section 3 of the Act:

Provided that in case of a person holding the position in a private institution, the consideration of such person shall be subject to his furnishing a declaration about his willingness to comply with the requirements of sub-section (4) of section 3 of the Act as regards holding of any office of trust or profit or carrying on any business or practising any profession.

(5) The Search Committee may devise its own procedure or lay down guidelines for evaluating persons for the purpose of empanelment.

11. Submission of panel or panels of names to Selection Committee.- (1) The Search Committee shall submit the panel or panels of names, as the case may be, for consideration of the Selection Committee within a period not exceeding thirty days from the date of receipt of the list of eligible candidates and other applicants referred to in sub-rule (2) of rule 10.

(2) The Search Committee shall recommend a panel of two names at the commencement of the Act and subsequently three names in respect to each vacancy advertised, for the consideration of the Selection Committee.

(3) While selecting the panel of names to be recommended, the Search Committee shall have due regard to the representation of the persons belonging to the Schedule Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, minorities and women in accordance with the first proviso to sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Act.

12. Period for which panel shall be valid.- A panel prepared by the Search Committee for consideration of the Selection Committee for the vacancies advertised, shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of its submission to the Selection Committee or till the appointment of the Chairperson or as the case may be the Member or Members, is made, whichever is earlier.

(2) If any fresh vacancy arises in the Lokayukta, it shall be filled up from a panel of eligible candidates prepared by the Search Committee under rule 11.

B. KHONGWIR,

Under Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Political Department.